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From The President

I hope this publication finds everyone in good health and good spirits, and looking forward to some warmer weather. Things have never been better at the LAA, which is very good news. Membership is at an all time record high (see related article) and we are fiscally sound. However, all this prosperity also comes with a price, and I would like to devote my space in this issue to discuss this topic.

Many of you are probably not aware that I have been President of the LAA since July 1, 1991. I inherited a struggling organization of 220 members, that had no money, and was even in debt to the RAA. Through the efforts and with the help of my

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Reunions '00

For the past several years, the LAA has been trying to develop reunion events for classes celebrating fifth, tenth, fifteenth, etc. anniversaries of their graduation. Five years ago we connected to some major college events, particularly SpringFest, and held our Annual Honorary Alumni Dinner on the same day. Each year, attendance at the event has decreased.

In the Summer1999 issues of this newsletter, sent to all members of the classes of 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, and 1995, we asked if we should continue with this event as a connection to reunion activities. The response was underwhelming. We have concluded that we can no longer support this event without support/attendance from alumni.

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closely knit Board, we have been able to turn this Association 180 degrees around. We have become a respectable organization within the Rutgers University Alumni Federation as well as within the Rutgers University community.

Given the fact that the organization is now 3 times larger than it was just 7 1/2 years ago, it is more important then ever that we make an effort to bring in new people to assist in running the organization. It was quite clear from the results of the INTERFUNCT study that we did a couple years ago, that the members want the Association to continue as an autonomous organization, and to continually add new and better benefits and services. This is all well and good, but we are at the point that our current leadership is stretched thin and we cannot do much more than what we are doing right now. With this is mind, we are going to be making a concerted effort over the next few months to attract and retain more new members to our Executive Board. There are several reasons that make this necessary: 1) the sheer size of the association mandates it, 2) we need some new ideas and new perspectives on things, 3) we need more people power to offer more benefits, services and events, and last and certainly not least, 4) I can not run this Association indefinitely.

So what do I propose to do? For starters, I happen to know that approximately 50% of all Livingston Alumni live in either Middlesex or one of its 3 surrounding counties. Armed with information and an invitation from the Dean's office to utilize their phones, we are going to undertake a massive phone-a-thon and start calling alumni in the above mentioned counties. If your phone rings and it is one of us, please be nice! Interested alumni will be invited to a party whereby they will get to meet, interact, eat, drink and learn all about the inner workings of the LAA. Everybody has something to contribute and we will match new members with areas that interest them and that can be of help to the Association. I realize that not everyone that comes to the party will want to become a member of the Board, and that's fine, but it will give us a chance to meet some Alums that we probably haven't met before. Besides who knows what the future holds anyway?

I am hopeful that we will be successful in this endeavor, as I see it as being vital to the future well being of the LAA. If everyone helps just a little bit, it is much better than just a few people having to help a lot! Until next time, take care.

Jeffrey Isaacs '84

Campus Briefs...

Global Futures Symposium. Livingston continues its series of distinguished scholar lectures in Spring 2000, featuring the following:

February 3
Embattled Landscapes, Unresolved Geographies" Edward W. Said, Columbia University

March 6
Resegregation: The Trends, The Costs, and The Alternatives" Gary Orfield, Harvard University

April 11
"What Happens To The Small Places? Economic Globalization and The Future of Community Well-Being" Amy K. Glasmeier, Penn State University.

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As a result, we have decided to try something new. The LAA, in conjunction with the Alumni Federation and several other alumni organizations, will be holding a large, not so formal reunion on Saturday Evening, May 20, 2000, at 6 PM. While the emphasis of the event will focus on class years ending in 5's and 0's, any alumnus is welcome to attend. The giant multi-school reunion is tentatively planned for outside, under a huge tent at University Park which is adjacent to the Werblin Recreation Center on the Busch campus. There will be "heavy" hors

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From the Dean

We Are 30

When Livingston College opened its doors to students in the fall of 1969, one of the social mantras of the times was 'never trust anyone over thirty.' For those of us approaching or past thirty, our perspectives have changed. Livingston College is entering its 30th year as an institution and we take pride in our history and traditions. We also have on our campus the vision, talent and courage to shape a strong and healthy future. During the spring of 2000 there will be numerous events on campus celebrating our past accomplishments and our bright future.

Among some of the key events planned for our 30th anniversary celebration are:

1. Dedicating a time capsule that will highlight Livingston's history and its present;
2. Recognizing alumni achievement;
3. Special lectures by some of Livingston's founding departments;
4. A celebration of Leadership at Livingston including the official unveiling of the College's "Liberal Arts Certificate Program in Organizational Leadership"
5. The College's annual Springfest

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Open House

Two years ago the University decided to hold an Open House to see who would come. The success of the event was overwhelming and has grown into a big day on campus, highlighting the life and academics of the University. This year the open house is scheduled for Saturday April 1. For a complete list of attractions, check the Admissions web site after March 1 at www. rutgers.edu.

Livingston participates extensively with this program and also holds a special program for admitted students on the same date. If you haven't been to the campus lately, check us out

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There are several ways that you can join us in celebrating Livingston. First, check our web site (http://livingston.rutgers.edu) for up to date information regarding 30th Anniversary events, and join us for the celebrations. If you have materials or information that you would like us to consider for including in our time capsule or historical review of Livingston, please contact Dean Paul Herman (732.445.4085 x 819 or paherman@rci.rutgers.edu). Dean Herman is also the appropriate contact to nominate alumni for special recognition during our anniversary celebrations. Most importantly, you can celebrate Livingston by investing in our future. Your contributions to the Dean's Academic Excellence Fund supports initiatives like our Certificate Program in Organizational Leadership, and contributions to the Livingston Scholarship fund insure that we remain a place that supports student excellence and access for all deserving students.

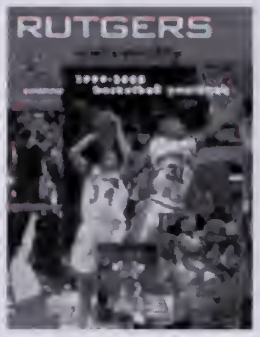
As we enter the dawn of a new era at Livingston, I invite you to join with us in this journey of learning, living and growing.

Best wishes,

Arnold G. Hyndman, Ph. D
Dean of the College

Alumni Notes

Basketball '00



On Saturday, February 19, 2000 the nationally ranked Rutgers Women's Basketball Team will take on the women of Notre Dame. The LAA has arranged a special event before the game and discounted tickets. Game time is Noon. At 10 AM the LAA will join the Scarlet R "Coach's Huddle," in the southwest corner of the RAC. Brunch will be served, catered by Rutgers Dining Services. Coaches attending this huddle will be: Men's and Women's Fencing coaches as well as the Men's Lacrosse coach, all of whom will be reporting on the progress and future prospects of their teams. Discounted Court-side Tickets for the basketball game were $8.00 each for members and their guests, $10.00 for all others. The Brunch was $10.00 per person for members and their guests and $12.00 per person for all others.

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Scholarships
Because of the increasing generosity of alumni and friends of Livingston, the number and amount of scholarship assistance available to Livingston students has made some major increases over the past two years. In addition to our four endowed scholarships, contributions to the Livingston Scholarship Fund have more than doubled when compared to three years ago.

Higher dollar value and more recipients has had a major impact on the ability of many students to pay term bills on time and buy books simultaneously. Special thanks to all who contribute.

LAA Theater Night 00

The LAA will be holding it annual spring theater night on Saturday, April 8, 2000. The Livingston Theater Company, now in its second year of productions, will be presenting a performance of the musical "Godspell." Prior to the performance, there will be a wine and cheese reception held in the Student Center, where "Godspell" will be performed. The play begins at 8 PM, with the reception beginning at 6:30 PM. Ticket prices have not yet been announced. There will be a special mailing for this event to alumni in the local area with information about the details of this event. We hope to see you there.

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Hall of Distinguished Alumni

The LAA has decided that it would be a good idea to honor and recognize distinguished achievement among Livingston Alumni. The Alumni Federation has a Hall of Distinguished Alumni and annually inducts new members. However, the list is small and because our alumni are generally younger than the alumni of other colleges, there is only one Livingston graduate in the University's Hall (Avery Brooks, '73). Consequently, it seems like a good time to create our own Livingston Distinguished Alumni Award so that we can begin to gather information on our alumni to develop nominations for the University's Hall.

One of the thoughts about this idea is that we would honor these alumni at a Homecoming Brunch each year. There is a major attempt from the RUAF to assure that all Homecoming football games are played at 6 PM so that there is an opportunity for a

carnival/festival on the fields adjacent to the stadium before the game. It is the LAA's thought that a late morning brunch on the same day to honor our Distinguished Alumni would give us a good opportunity to tie in to homecoming and sponsor a great event of our own.

In addition to recognizing alumni at this event, the annual Honorary Alumni would be included.

Membership Growth

For the second consecutive year the LAA has established an all time record for number of members in a single membership year! As of January 11th, the LAA was at 664 members for this year, and that is halfway into the membership year with at least one more membership mailing to go. The old record set last year, was 539, representing a 41% increase over the previous years total, and was the first time the LAA had ever had greater than 435 members. Last years record is directly attributable to the new policy that the LAA implemented in giving new graduates a free membership if they return their post graduation address to us.

It is also likely that this year's record is directly attributable to the new benefits that were added, along with the new centralized, professional mailing efforts that are now in place.

Those new member benefits are: select show discounts at NJPAC; discount admission to the NJ State Aquarium; 20% discount at Choice Hotels International; 10% discount on Rutgers imprinted merchandise at the Rutgers University Bookstores; 15-25% discount from all the major car rental companies; free membership in the Rutgers Club which includes the reciprocity agreements with member clubs worldwide; and finally, various discounts at 20+ merchant members of New Brunswick City Market. New benefits are

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What's the hardest course on campus? This question was posed to random groups of students and there was absolutely no consensus that there was a single, hardest course. In most cases, it depended who you asked.

A group of honors students said it was a toss up between Organic Chemistry and Calculus IV. Many people said that, by reputation, Computer Science 111 was at the top of the list.

For first year students, Expository Writing 101 made the list, almost with exception and it was also a favorite selection among upperclassmen.

scheduled to be added to this list and we will keep you abreast of the latest offers as we become aware of them. There are also still several LAA member only benefits and they include the discount on computers from Itox Inc, 10% discount on food and lodging at the Corners Inn in Vermont, $10 per session discount at the Holistic Health and Wellbeing Center, and the free financial planning consultation from Wealth Accumulation & Preservation Strategies. As with all the listed discounts, it will be necessary for you to present your currently valid ID card to take advantage of the offers. For complete details on any of these offers please, see your copy of Rutgers Now which came with your ID card or call the Alumni hotline at 732.932.7061.

About this Newsletter

This newsletter is published twice yearly by the Livingston Alumni Association. It is sent to members of the Association, alumni who contribute to the College, and all individuals who graduated in classes that are considered reunion classes (this year, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, and '95.) For individuals in this latter group, this will be your last issue unless you qualify as an LAA member or contributor to the College. The Summer '00 issue will be sent to the classes of '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, and '96.

Career Services for Alumni

Did you know that the following Career Services are available to Alumni?

Individual Career Counseling - Discuss career issues in-depth with a professional career counselor. The fee is $25 per hour. Call for an appointment. Fifteen minute "drop-in" sessions are also available for quick questions or resume critiques at no cost.

Seminars and Panels - Attend programs on all campuses. Numerous evening programs are available. Topics include job search, interviewing, career panels and the Internet.

Career Assessments - Assessment instruments are available in conjunction with career counseling appointments to help with career changing and decision making.

Career Resource Centers - Visit career libraries at three locations to research careers, employers, graduate schools, jobs and internships. Another great resource for career information is the Kilmer Library on the Livingston Campus.

Career Contact Network - Consult the Career Contact Network to speak to other Rutgers alumni concerning their fields of employment. Hundreds of alumni are willing to provide information interviews and career advice. You can register to be a career contact for others. Alumni may contact recruiters directly using Career Services' employer listing.

Career Days- Career days bring students, alumni and employers together to discuss career opportunities. Events are free to alumni. Career days include the ALANA, Business & Liberal Arts, Education, Engineering & Computer Science, Government & Non-Profit, Internship, Math & Actuarial, Science, and two N. J. Collegiate Career Days.

Also attend the Graduate and Professional School Day. There is usually a special Alumni Career Fair in September.

Credentials Service - Set up a file with letters of reference to support your graduate school or teaching applications. Files are maintained at 56 College Ave. There is a $5 registration fee and a $4 fee for each mailing.

Jobs - Consult new jobs daily via the Internet or in industry-specific binders at our Career Resource Centers. Go to www.jobtrak.com, click on "students and alumni", select "job search and career contact only", choose "Rutgers University" and use the password "henry".

Reciprocity at Other Colleges - As a graduate of Rutgers, you can gain access to the career services offices of your choice around the country. Call 732.932.7353 to make your request.

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Recreation Center Updates

The Gymnastic team and Livingston Recreation have come to an agreement that will move the team to the Rec. Center for three years.

As part of the change, the Center will add a Cardio Room on to the Fitness Center and a snack bar is now operating.

Outdoors, fields have been upgraded, tennis courts improved and a hockey court added. A new covered picnic space is on the way.

LAA Officers

Jeffrey Isaacs '84 President
Mark Weller '85 1st VP
Bill Bauer '86 2nd VP
Bob Uhrik '78 Secretary
Michele Ostrowski '88 Treasurer

The Class of 2003

Rutgers University is a participant in the Cooperative Institutional Research Project, a program that has been collecting data on first-time, full-time college students for over 25 years. 761 Livingston students responded this year. The following is a small sample of some of the interesting findings:

71.5 % have both parents alive and living with each other;
10.5 % are green card permanent residents;
23.4% claim a language other than English as their native language;
28.9% say abolish the the death penalty;
44.2% say marijuana should be legal;
65.9% say that same sex couples should have the right to marry;
29.9% say the activities of married women are best confined to the home and family;
22.1% support laws prohibiting homosexual relationships.

The top three reasons for going to college are: to be able to make more money (77.9%); to learn more about things that interest me (74.2%); and to get training for a specific career (72.8%)

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d'ourves, a live band and a fireworks show at the conclusion. Prices have yet to be determined and we will do a mailing announcing all the details for you as soon as we have all the specifics. This event is open to all alumni, so gather your friends and join us on May 20 for a sparkling Rutgers night on campus. While further information will be mailed, you can also contact the Livingston Dean's Office.

Update

The last issue noted that Meryl Frank, '81, had recently unseated the incumbent Mayor in Highland Park in the primary. In November, Frank was elected.

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Internships

More and more students are scrambling for internships, something that seems to be the new key to a good job on graduation.

This year the college has developed special arrangements with Career Services to fast-track Livingston students into internships; and the College has developed some of its own programs to be of assistance. One of the most popular innovations is a special session each Spring for students returning from internships to share information with novices to the practice.

Have an internship available in your company? Let us know.

Nomination Form

Distinguished Livingston Alumni

I am pleased to make this nomination for consideration as a Distinguished Livingston Alumni.

Name:

Street:

City:

State: ZIP

Reason for Nomination:

Please return this completed form
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